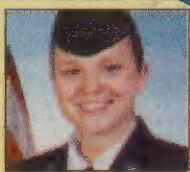


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During special meeting held Monday, Aug. 20th Coffee County Schools superintendent says enrollment increased by over 200 students

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Monday, Aug. 20, in a special session, and voted during the meeting to hire one new bus driver for New Brockton Schools.

This additional bus driver was needed due to the increase in students at New Brockton for the 2018-2019 school year.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, board members voted to employ Larry Walker as a bus driver for New Brockton Elementary and New Brockton High School for the school year.

Killingsworth also provided board members with an update on enrollment for the new school year [first week] in comparison to the first week of school for last year.

On the 6th day of school in 2017, the superintendent said Coffee County Schools had a total of 2,061 students system-wide. On the fifth day of school this year, he said that number increased by 237 students to 2,298. The majority of that came from New Brockton, which was expected.

Killingsworth noted there are 130 students enrolled at Pathway. Also, he said the Pre-K programs for the schools have 88 students enrolled this year with 18 at Kinston, and 35 at each New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

For the first week of this school year, Killingsworth said Kinston had 510 students, which was up by 18 from the 492 in 2017; New Brockton had 547 students, which was up 163 from the 384 enrolled in 2017; New

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Hearings Scheduled for Coffee County School System

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2019 on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. The budget hearing will be held at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Ala. during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

A special board meeting and second public hearing will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba.

Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the Coffee County Board of Education Superintendent's Office prior to the hearings.

Brockton High School had 445 students, which was up 70 from the 375 in 2017; and Zion Chapel was actually down by 14 students the first week of this school year with 796 – there were 810 enrolled at Zion Chapel the first week of the 2017-2018 school year.

Killingsworth thanked the administrators, faculty, school staff and central office staff for their hard work in helping make way for a "great school start." He especially thanked all the staff at New Brockton Schools for an excellent job in going above and beyond to provide for the needs generated by the extra students enrolled there.

Killingsworth also noted the modular classrooms for New Brockton Elementary School still are being worked on to prepare them to be used. He said the hope is to have the building occupied by the end of September.

Phase II of the alterations and security improvements

project for the school system was re-bid, and those bids will be opened Aug. 30th at 2 p.m. at the BOE office, according to Killingsworth.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Governor Kay Ivey confirmed as keynote speaker for Thursday, Sept. 27th, Elba Chamber Banquet

The Elba Chamber of Commerce announces that Alabama Governor Kay Ivey is scheduled to be in Elba Thursday, Sept. 27, to deliver the keynote address at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and banquet.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the National Security Conference Center, 661 East Davis Street. Ivey's speech is scheduled to begin around 7:15 p.m.

Ivey was elected as state treasurer in 2002 and re-elected in 2006. She was elected as lieutenant governor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. On April 10, 2017, in the wake of Gov. Robert Bentley's resignation, Ivey was sworn in as the 54th governor of Alabama.

The governor is a member of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, the Montgomery Rotary Club, and the board of directors of the Montgomery YMCA. She also is the first Girls State alumnus to be elected to an Alabama constitutional



Elba Tigers quarterback Byron Johnson is shown leading drills during the team's practice Monday afternoon, Aug. 20th. The Tigers will hit the field running this Friday night under the lights at Tiger Stadium when Elba plays host to the Wicksburg Panthers in a preseason game. The Tigers officially begin the 2018 season next Friday, Aug. 31, when they travel to Opp to take on long-time rivals the Opp Bobcats. Kickoff for games is 7 p.m. See additional photos from Monday's practice on Page 10.

(photo by BCSports Photography)

"Meet the Tigers" event set for Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium in Elba

The moment Elba Tiger fans have been waiting for since last November arrives this week...it's football season once again in Elba!

On Thursday night, Aug.

23, at 5 pm, there will be a 'Feed the Tigers' meal in the high school lunchroom. Organizers are asking the community to donate to this potluck meal. Any

groups or individuals interested in helping feed the Tigers, are asked to email Anna Marie Moore at amoores@elbaed.com.

Then, at 6 p.m., the action will move to Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium where the annual "Meet the Tigers" event will take place. During this event, the community is introduced to the football players, coaches, cheerleaders and band.

An added bonus this year is the Elba Marching Tiger Band is planning to showcase its halftime show for fans during Thursday night's Meet the Tigers event.

All Elba Tiger fans are encouraged to attend the Meet the Tigers event as it has proven in the past to be loads of fun for all involved.

The Friday night lights will come on at Tiger Stadium the following evening – Friday, Aug. 24th, as the Elba Tigers will host the Wicksburg Panthers in a pre-season game. The kickoff for this game is set for 7 p.m.

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Governor Kay Ivey

The Elba Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses and community leaders for excellence and community impact at the annual event.

The banquet is designed to provide a unique opportunity for the community to engage and to acknowledge the collaborative hard work of chamber members, community leaders, and stakeholders.

"Our members look forward to honoring our business leaders, but also hearing about opportunities for growth and investment," said Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the Elba Chamber Banquet cost \$200 for a table of eight or \$25 for individual seating. Seating is limited, and tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The banquet is sponsored by Ben E. Keith Foods.

For more information, contact Sandy Bynum by calling (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE LORE SMITH has a captivated audience earlier this week when she provided a lesson on proper handwashing techniques to Pre-K students in the Elba Early Learning Center. The students love Nurse Lore, and all eyes were on her as she explained the need for and proper ways to wash hands and help eliminate the spread of germs. This is only one of the many activities the Pre-K students engage in on a daily basis at the Elba Early Learning Center.

NOTICE:

On Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Tribe of Alabama will purge its tribal rolls. If anyone has any questions, they should contact Chief James Wright with a notarized letter to the following address: Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, 64 Private Road 1312, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Public Notices "For your right to know"

Public notices in The Elba Clipper this week include five public notices.

These "notices" can be found on Page 6 of today's paper. There are two notices of publication; a notice of competition on contract work; two bid notices from the Coffee County Commission; and a general election public notice.

Alabama breaks employment record again in July

Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced today that Alabama has broken its employment record for the third month in a row.

In July, 2,105,513 people were counted as employed, up from June's count of 2,098,121, and up from July 2017's count of 2,077,406, representing a yearly increase of 28,107. In July, 90,987 people were counted as unemployed, compared to 89,302 in June and

89,858 in July 2017.

"We continue to break employment records in Alabama," said Washington. "Nearly 30,000 more people are working now than they were last year. The message is clear, Alabama: we have jobs!"

"Those jobs are coming with higher wages," continued Washington.

"We've seen wages increase both over the month and over the year. In fact, workers in Alabama are earning more weekly than they have in the past 11 years."

Total private average weekly earnings rose to \$830.55 in July, up from \$815.97 in June, and up from \$798.62 in July 2017. Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 22,200, with gains in the manufacturing sector (+8,300), the professional and business service

sector (+6,700), and the leisure and hospitality sector (+5,200), among others.

The preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July is 4.1%, which is unchanged from June's rate, and equal to July 2017's rate. Counties

with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 3.1%, Cullman County at 3.5%, and Marshall, Elmore, and Baldwin Counties at 3.7%.

Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 11.2%, Clarke County at 9.1%, and Perry County at 8.6%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 2.7%, Hoover at 3.0%, and Homewood and Alabaster at 3.1%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 9.3%, Prichard at 8.8%, and Anniston at 6.0%.



Area Happenings:

THE NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS open their 2018 football season this Friday, Aug. 24, when the team travels to Dothan to take on the Providence Christian Eagles. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 42 IS PLANNING A COOKOUT for Saturday, Aug. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is FREE for Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and the Reserves. The American Legion Post 42 is located at 1085 Neil Grantham Drive in Elba.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will meet Monday, Aug. 27, for its second bi-monthly meeting for August. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

As Elie Wiesel said in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere."

79% of Americans in a recent Gallop/Knight Foundation poll believe that social media platforms should answer to the same rules that govern newspapers, television and radio stations. That is, they are responsible for the "content" posted on their sites. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 codified in law that internet providers are not publishers and cannot be held responsible for content posted by third parties. In fairness, these same polls show that 54% of Americans feel these internet platforms do help people stay better informed. A whopping 85% feel that internet companies are doing enough to stop the spread of misinformation. Another number from the polls show that a majority of Americans feel every user should see the same news from any news, or social media organization. Now, many sites monitor what a person clicks on and sends mostly that type news the next time that computer user "clicks" the open button on their icon. People polled on the above subjects have some reservations that if internet companies were controlling what was on their sites, there was a chance of biased news, yet the majority already feel this bias is happening. Thus there is no clear answer of what the public wants nor how they feel any of the above concerns could be satisfactorily addressed to please everyone. And Hey – we don't have an answer for that either!

Late one evening this week, after a long day at work and a couple of hours of reading at home, our eyes were tired, therefore we stretched out on the sofa with plans of finding an interesting TV channel and 'listening' to the news while our eyeballs rested. Well that was a disaster and/or failure. We know all the news channel numbers without looking at any printed schedule but soon found out that EVERY one of them either had a panel discussion or a White House reporter updating the world on the latest from, or about, Donald Trump! Some of the discussion groups were all for one side or the other (each group probably blind to the total picture) while a couple of channels had a diverse group of 'talking heads' with each one trying to talk over the others. We just went to bed.

It should be no surprise that Donald Trump's (former) long time attorney, Michael Cohen, is discussing a plea deal with those involved in the federal investigation of Trump and just about everyone around him. While the President has been quoted earlier of being confident that Cohen would not implicate him in any Russian collusion, that may have been wishful thinking. The fact is special counsel Robert Mueller's team has awesome power and if Cohen gets any support for being involved in anything . . . it will be from himself. It should not be a surprise to anyone, this time or next time, that a person under fire would save themselves rather than spend a long stretch of their life locked up in jail.

Elba Splash Pad is attracting a steady stream of users during these hot days. Of course with school now being open, the children will be limited to afternoons and weekends. You can expect to hear children begging parents to take them to the water park during coming weekends – well until the cold weather hits and makes such playing impractical.

~ Tips on Keeping Students Sun-Safe at School ~

Information from The Skin Cancer Foundation

As summer winds down and the busy back-to-school season sets in, sun protection may slip down the list of health and wellness priorities. But harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays are present year-round, and one study notes that children sustain a significant amount of sun exposure at school.

About 23 percent of lifetime UV exposure occurs before the age of 18, and this exposure can have far-reaching effects.

"Sun damage is cumulative, so sun exposure during childhood can contribute to skin cancer risk later in life," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "The best way to mitigate that risk is to educate young children on effective sun protection, instilling healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Children should understand that sum-

mer vacation is not the only time they're exposed to the sun's rays."

The Skin Cancer Foundation offers the following recommendations for keeping children sun-safe during the school year.

UV rays are most intense from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and this is when students are usually outside for recess, physical education class and after-school sports. Check with the school to see if there are adequate places for students to seek shade during outdoor activities. Shade can be provided by gazebos and roof structures, awnings, shade sails, and natural shade, such as thickly leaved trees.

Clothing is the single most effective form of sun protection for the body, so send kids to school in densely woven and bright- or dark-colored fabrics, which

offer the best defense. The more skin you cover, the better, so choose long sleeves and long pants whenever possible.

Send children to school with a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses, to protect their face, neck and eyes. If they won't wear a wide-brimmed hat, a baseball cap is better than nothing.

Make sunscreen part of the morning routine: At least 30 minutes before children go outside, parents should apply a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher to their skin. Older children should learn to apply sunscreen themselves and make it a routine habit. To remain effective, sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating. At a minimum, remind children

to reapply sunscreen before after school sports and outdoor activities.

One ounce of sunscreen (about the size of a golf ball) should be applied to the entire body. Remind children to cover those easy to miss spots, such as the back of ears and neck, as well as the tops of the feet and hands.

There's a chance your child's school does not allow students to use sunscreen or wear a hat outdoors during the school day without written permission from a physician. If that is the case, The Skin Cancer Foundation has created a sun protection permission form that parents and doctors can sign, allowing students to bring these items to school, apply and use as needed. The form is available at www.skincancer.org/schooln otc.

U.S. Rep. Martha Roby provides recap from the road

Each year, members of Congress take the month of August to spend time on the ground in their respective districts meeting with constituents and local leaders, visiting businesses and industries, and ultimately listening to the concerns of people at home. Having this opportunity to hear firsthand from the people in Alabama's Second District is very important, and I believe it enables me to be a better representative of our priorities in Washington.

It has been a busy month, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share an update on my travels in our district during this district work period. So far, I have spent time in Montgomery, Ozark, Hartford, Geneva, Millbrook, Troy, Dothan, and Fort Rucker.

I met with Elmore County Commissioner Troy Stubbs in my Montgomery office to hear about some exciting projects happening in his community. I also had a productive meeting with David McCurdy, the Alabama

Farm Service Agency Director.

While in Ozark, I visited the recently-opened Wayne Farms feed mill. I had the opportunity to visit with leadership and employees to learn more about their operation. Wayne Farms is the sixth largest vertically integrated poultry producer in the country, with over \$1.9 billion in annual sales. I am grateful for the economic impact they provide in our district.

One afternoon, I visited Hartford where I enjoyed lunch downtown at Ketchum's Restaurant. I also had the chance to drop by the Hartford Civic Club meeting with my friends State Representative Donnie Chesteen and Mayor Jeff Sorrells. Afterwards, I met with constituents at the Wiregrass Electric

Cooperative to receive an update on their rural broadband project that they hope will deliver expanded high-speed broadband internet to rural communities in the Wiregrass.

In Geneva, I enjoyed touring the newly-completed Geneva Career Tech Center, also known as G-Tech. I was very impressed by the students I met at this outstanding new facility. As I told the group there, I will always support measures to strengthen and improve the career tech programs throughout our district, state, and nation.

I also had the opportunity to visit the Gift of Life Foundation's office in Montgomery to meet with leadership and tour their facility. The Gift of Life's work to strengthen and improve our local community is truly invaluable. I deeply appreciate the hard-working people, like those at Gift of Life, who strive to make a difference in the lives of others.

In Millbrook, I spoke to the Millbrook-Coosada Kiwanis Club during their weekly meeting. I was glad to have this opportunity to give an update on the work we're doing in Congress to make life better for all Americans. Even more importantly, I had the chance to hear firsthand from my constituents about the issues they're facing. Afterwards, I stopped by the MOOseum at the Alabama Cattlemen's Association where I was given a tour

and an update on the cattle industry in our state.

During another trip to the Wiregrass, I visited Troy Cable to learn more about their upcoming projects and some of the issues they've recently been facing in their work. In Dothan, I spoke to the Wiregrass Chapter of the Associated General Contractors at their luncheon. We had a great discussion about efforts in Congress to revitalize our nation's badly aging infrastructure.

Last, but certainly not least, I stopped by Fort Rucker to tour the aeromedical research laboratory. I talked with many employees there about the importance of Army Aviation to our national security and the innovation happening on post here in the Second District.

It's been an exciting and informative August district work period so far. I deeply appreciate everyone who has taken the time to meet with me and share their ideas and concerns. I am looking forward to continuing my travels throughout Alabama's Second District this month, and you can rest assured I will take everything I learn on the road back to Washington to better serve you.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 13, investigated the following incidents: one missing person, two for harassing communications, one sexual misconduct, three for theft of property, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of marijuana, one verbal domestic incident, and one driving under the influence.

Arrests made during the week included: three arrests on warrants, one for theft of property, one for possession of a controlled substance, and one for possession of marijuana.

There were 10 traffic citations and 15 traffic warnings issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Aug. 13th-19th.

MONDAY, AUG. 13 – Missing person reported from Brunson Circle (10:45 a.m.); Breaking and entering of a residence reported on Reese Ave (1:00 p.m.); Suspicious person complaint at Fred's (2:09 p.m.); House fire reported on Thomas St (2:36 p.m.); Suspicious person carrying wire reported near Dorsey on Hickman Ave (5:27 p.m.); Shoplifter reported at the Food Giant on Claxton Ave (5:27 p.m.); Harassing communications reported on Reese Ave (6:45 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 203 and the Troy Hwy (7:23 p.m.); Report of possible drunk driver leaving Pine Circle and headed towards Hwy 189 N (8:48 p.m.); Possible sexual abuse of a juvenile reported

at a residence on Putnam St. (9:45 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 14 – Harassment complaint reported from County Rd 410 (7:50 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (11:22 a.m.); Suspicious persons reported on Putnam St (12:23 p.m.); Suspicious persons reported at the Food Giant – one arrest made for theft of property; Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at the Elba Lodge (5:01 p.m.); Suspicious persons reported under the Pea River bridge (5:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at the American Legion (9:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15 – Elba Police assisted SBI state narcotics officers and Coffee County narcotics officers serving warrants and arresting subjects for possession of controlled substance and weapons charges (10:43 a.m.); Two-vehicle accident reported at Claxton Ave and Hwy 203 (4:58 p.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Kelley Foods (11:50 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 16 – Stolen medication complaint from a residence on N Morrow Ave (8:26 a.m.); Private property accident reported on Claxton Ave at Burger King (7:35 p.m.); Subject reported knocking on doors in the area of Carver Dr (8:45 p.m.); Unwanted guest reported at Burger King on Claxton Ave (9:37 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUG. 17 – Complaint in reference to theft of property at Dorsey Trailers (9:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Simmons St (9:59 a.m.); False report made to police in reference to a possible breaking and entering on Brunson St – police advised person to not make prank 911 calls (10:32 p.m.); Possible domestic incident reported on Cordelia St. – one person arrested on warrants from Andalusia (10:39 p.m.); Harassing communications reported on Simmons St (11:07 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 – Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported on Adkinson Ave (3:45 p.m.); Harassment complaint taken in front lobby of police department (4:40 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported on Jackson St (8:37 p.m.); Large group of people reported in area of Virgil Coleman with shots reported to have been fired (9:19 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUG. 19 – Several subjects reported drunk in public on Dr. Roberts Dr (12:02 a.m.); Small child reported standing near the roadway at Claxton Ave and Hwy 203 (6:09 p.m.); Domestic complaint (verbal) on Buford St (8:05 p.m.); Domestic dispute reported on S Court Ave (9:17 p.m.); Loud music complaint on Kendrick St (9:37 p.m.).

Elba Fire Dept.
Aug. 13th-19th Report

The only call responded to by the Elba Volunteer Fire Department last week was the Monday, Aug. 13, structure fire at 658 Thomas Street at 2:36 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Thank You from Gaston Tew.

Forty-nine years ago (August 17, 1969) I was a State Trooper assigned to Coffee County, Elba, Alabama. Hurricane Camille was making landfall on the Mississippi coast. I was sitting in the grounds of Zion Chapel School in Jack observing traffic. A motorist stopped and advised a subject without a shirt and carrying a gun was walking in the road north of the school. I encountered the subject asking him to surrender the gun, which he refused. I notified the Trooper Office in Dothan and asked for assistance. Before any help arrived I was involved in a shoot-out with the sub-

ject.

I received a gunshot wound to the left groin from a 410-gauge shotgun. I was able to advise I had been shot and lost consciousness. I was taken to Elba General Hospital and later transferred to St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery. After a three-month recovery, I was able to return to work. I had a rewarding career with Public Safety, retiring in 1996 with the rank of Captain.

I would again like to thank everyone who had an input in helping me on the date of this incident. I realize some of these have passed on.

A gentleman who lived near where this incident occurred used my radio to call for assistance. Others

involved in this event were, Elba Rescue, Elba PD, Coffee County Sheriff Dept., Troy PD, Alabama State Troopers, Elba General Hospital personnel, St Margaret's Hospital personnel and others that I may have omitted.

Without your help I would not have had a good career, reared two children, one who followed my footsteps and has also retired from Public Safety. Another has given me three granddaughters.

I want anyone involved in this, and their family, to know that sincerely I thank you for what you did.

Gaston Tew may be contacted at 65 Woodlawn Dr, Eufaula, AL 36027 or e-mailed at <gtew@eufaula.rr.com>

Getting Outside is Good for You: Five Benefits

Summer is here and families will spend more time outside dining, playing, relaxing, and gardening as the weather improves. And while they may enjoy being outside, they may not know that getting outside is also good for their health. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) outlines five health benefits of getting outside:

Reason #1: Your lawn can make you happier! Our stress levels fall within minutes of seeing green spaces. Knowing and experiencing nature makes us generally happier, healthier people.

Reason #2: Getting dirty is good for you! Mycobacterium vaccae in soil mirrors the effect on neurons that Prozac provides. Give your kids a pair

of gardening gloves and have them work with you in your green spaces for a



hefty dose of Vitamin N(ature) and G(reen). People who spend time gardening and have direct contact with soil feel more relaxed and happier.

Reason #3: Exposure to natural settings may be widely effective in reducing attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder

(ADHD) symptoms in children. Children gain attention and working memory benefits when they are exposed to greenery.

Reason #4: Living landscapes help people and pets be healthier. Playing outdoors increases fitness levels and builds healthy, active bodies. Research also shows that children reap numerous health, social and personal benefits from spending time outside playing.

Reason #5: Your lawn produces lots of oxygen and cleans the air too. Fifty square feet of grass generates enough oxygen each day for a family of four, and reduces the "code red" effect since grass removes pollutants from the air we breathe.

Truck drivers and registered nurses continue to be most sought-after employees according to online advertising data

Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail salespersons, with 7,355 ads placed for those occupations in July.

Overall ads were up over the year by 7.5%.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 42,343 online ads this month, of those 14,873 were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$19.99 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$28.43 per hour, and retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$13.55 per hour.

The above wage data is based on the May 2017 Occupation Employment Survey employment and wage estimate file. The wages have been aged using the most current Employment Cost Index (ECI) factors reflecting wages as of June 2018. 'NA' indicates data that is not publishable or occupation does not work the traditional 2,080 hours per year.

The top three employers posting ads in July were: Averitt (927), UAB Medicine (649), and Target Corporation (393). Thirty-six percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and 73% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

Anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, is encouraged to come into a state Career Center for assistance. The trained staff can assist people in obtaining the career desired.

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov. The Alabama Department

of Labor / The Alabama Career Center System is a partner in Alabama Works, Alabama's unified workforce system.

LBWCC to offer Aikido course

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering a 15-week Aikido course on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Aug. 20 - Dec. 17, 2018. Classes will be held in the Seth Hammett Gymnasium.

Learn a traditional martial art in a fun, supportive environment. Learn throws, safe falling technique, how to use an opponent's energy against him, pin and immobilize an opponent, self-defense, and exercise. Aikido is a great martial art for men and women of all ages and body builds. No experience necessary. This class will be taught by Shihan Dr. Herb Riedel, sixth-degree black belt.

The cost of the course is \$90 per participant.

Space is limited. Students may register in person in the Student Services Office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon. For more information call (334) 493-5315 or jmh@lbwcc.edu.

PARK SESSIONS

Mr. Park Sessions, age 70, a resident of the Zion Chapel Community, died Wednesday Aug. 15, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 2018 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Ashley Faulk and Rev. Anthony Sherrer officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Michelle Bray Sessions, Jack; sons: Rodney (Pam) Sessions, Largo, Fla., Michael (Tami) Sessions, Samson, Ala., Ethan (Jennifer) Sessions, Troy, Ala., and Corey Sessions, Jack; his mother-in-law: Mary Bray, Brundidge, Ala.; sisters: Sandy Johnson, Elba, Barbara Nelson, Jack; sister-in-law: Melody Stansberry, Troy; brother-in-law: Wayne Bray, Brundidge; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; along with his faithful four legged companion; Duke; and several nieces and nephews.

RALPH BRYAN CROCKER

Mr. Ralph Bryan Crocker, age 84, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at Enterprise Health &



Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 18, 2018 at the Elba Church of Christ with Min. Philip Box officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to the Elba Church of Christ, c/o PO Box 269, Elba, AL 36323, in memory of Ralph.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Edell Bryan Crocker and Willie C. Crocker.

Survivors include his daughter: Cristina (Thomas Bryan) Dugan, granddaughter: Izabella Pellegrino, and grandson: Matthew Dugan, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters: Ethelene Tucker, Janice McCall, Faye Goodson, and June Grimes, and one brother: Willie Ray Crocker, all of Elba.

SHERRY FOWLER TOLBERT

Mrs. Sherry Fowler Tolbert, age 61, a resident of Ozark, Ala., died early Sunday morning, Aug. 19, 2018, following complications from breast cancer.

Mrs. Tolbert was a native of Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and lived in various locations in the United States and overseas while her father and husband served in the United States Army. She was a 1975 Graduate of Carroll High School in Ozark and made

her home in Ozark in 1978.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Earl Bankston Memorial Chapel with Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Memory Gardens. Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home of Ozark was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sandi McCool Champions of Hope, c/o Southeast Alabama Medical Center Foundation, 1922 Fairview Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36301.

Mrs. Tolbert was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Lee Tolbert; brother-in-law, Don Jones; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dock and Bernice Tolbert.

Survivors include her daughter: Tracy Tolbert (Mitch Hall), Midland City; her parents: Fred and Deanna Basel Fowler, Enterprise; three sisters: Francine Fowler Jones, Enterprise, Laurie Fowler Bishop (Bill), Chickasaw, Ala., and Janice Fowler Lackey (Larry), Enterprise; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Terry Tolbert (Carolyn) and Tanya Tolbert Roberts (Jim), all of Ozark; several nieces and nephews.

ALFRED WALKER

Mr. Alfred Walker, age 54, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Aug. 18, 2018 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church.

He was born Sept. 17, 1963 to Mable Jean Pierce and the late Gartha Walker. He served in the United States Army for a number of years before returning to Enterprise.

He is preceded in death by his father, Gartha Walker, and sister, Valentina Walker.

Survivors include his mother: Mable Pierce, Enterprise; two sons: Lavior Antonio Walker, New York, NY, Keith Walker, Havana, Fla.; godson: Lil Jr., Enterprise; and a special friend - Samatha Johnson; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

EDITH CALHOUN

Mrs. Edith Calhoun, age 88, a resident of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

Funeral services will be held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, August 23, at 3 PM with Rev. Diana White and Rev. Ken Wilson officiating.



Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home from 1-3 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Calhoun was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Fred Calhoun.

Survivors include her sons: Terry Calhoun, (wife Margaret), and Kenneth Calhoun (wife Katrina), all of Elba; daughter: Nita Stinson (husband Donnie), Headland, Ala.; granddaughters: Amanda (Clint) Martin, Wetumpka, Ala., Katelyn Calhoun, Elba, Kendall (Craig) Karrh, Headland, Ala.; grandsons: Trent (Stephanie) Calhoun and Wesley Calhoun, both of Auburn, Ala., and Donnie (Caroline) Stinson Jr., Dothan, Ala.; great-granddaughters: Lila Calhoun, Auburn, and Riley Mae Karrh, Headland; great-grandson: Jase Martin, Wetumpka; brother: Earl Jones, and sister: Evelyn Mikel, both of Opp, Ala.

LARRY BRUCE SMART

Mr. Larry Bruce Smart, age 65, died Sunday, August 19, 2018, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala

MARY LANETTE WHITE WALDEN

Mrs. Mary Lanette White Walden, age 53, of Troy, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at her residence.

Mrs. Walden was a 1963 graduate of Pike County High School.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m., at Antioch Baptist Church with Rev. Brian McLendon officiating. Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

The family asks that contributions be made to: Gideons International or Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Wright.

Survivors include her children: Jill Campbell (Larry), Jack, Ala., Jamie Cain (Jermy) and Clay Bunt, both of Troy; parents: James (Faye) Wright, Troy; grandchildren: Erin Cain, Ethan Young, Savannah Campbell, Khama Cain, Allison Bunt, Dalton Cain; siblings: April Floyd (David), Huntsville, Ala., Janis Taylor, Brundidge, Joseph Wright, Banks, Ala., Lisa Kelley, Fayetteville, Ala.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins,

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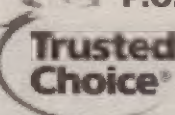
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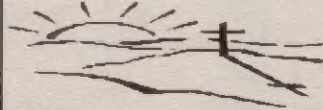
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The family of **Judy Carter Boswell** thanks everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, food, and other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of loss.

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LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Extension Office to host workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 28

The Coffee County Extension office will host a "Should I be a Business Entity? Which One?" workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 28, from 1-4 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office [in the community room] in New Brockton, Ala.

This workshop is great for agricultural producers, but also small business owners, or anyone thinking about starting a small business. The registration fee is

\$15 and interested persons can register online at www.aces.edu/business-entity or by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

There are also PLMs for loggers and 3 hours CPE for accountants. The registration for these hours of continuing education is \$60 and can be completed online at www.aces.edu/business-entity as well.

Vendor registration is open for 15th annual Jack Day Festival

Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama, a non-profit, community service organization, sponsors the Jack Day Community Festival each year on the campus of Zion Chapel Schools.

This year's event, set for Saturday, Sept. 15, is the 15th year for the Jack Day Festival. The event is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will include arts and crafts, food, entertainment, children's activities and more.

Registration is open now for those wanting to rent vendor space for the festival. General booths (crafts, merchandise, non-profit/community) and Zion Chapel School Student Organizations (beta club, cheerleaders, FFA, SGA, band, etc., but not including concessions) are a 10'x10' space. Food vendor booths (concessions, food trucks,

and/or food trailers) are a 10'x20' space.

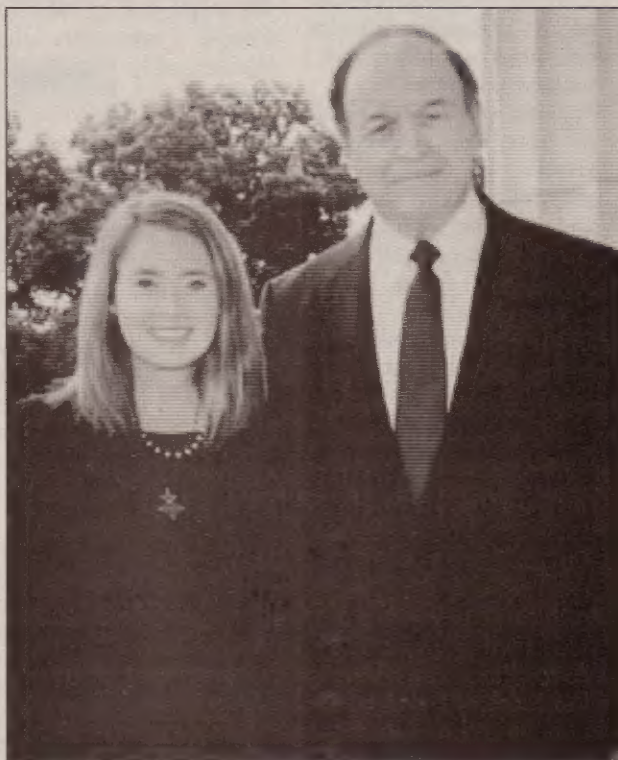
General booths are allowed the sale of food and/or drink items, but must comply with the health guidelines of food vendors. The sale and distribution of any food or drink items must be approved by Altrusa International of Jack prior to the day of the festival.

All proceeds from the Jack Day Community Festival will be used to benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack Community.

General booth rental is \$30 in advance or \$40 day of festival; Zion Chapel School Organizations booth rental is \$20 in advance or \$30 day of festival; and food vendor booths are \$100 in advance. There also is a \$10 fee if electric hookup is needed.

For more information or to receive a vendor registration form, contact Britley Parker at (334) 300-6974 or mikebritkin@hotmail.com; or Jennifer Gatlin at (334) 372-5817 or jenniferdflores@yahoo.com.

All checks should be made payable to Altrusa International of Jack.



CLARK INTERNS FOR ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THIS SUMMER...Laura Catherine Clark, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Clark Jr., of Mathews, Ala., and a senior at Auburn University majoring in marketing, interned this summer with U.S. Senator Richard Shelby and U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt. Clark, who will graduate from Auburn University in December, plans to pursue graduate studies at the University of Alabama in 2019. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Clark and the late Fred Clark Sr. of Elba.



FORMER ALABAMA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GLENN MURDOCK was the guest speaker at the Wednesday, Aug. 15, meeting of the Republican Women of Coffee County. He discussed his history in politics, his decision to resign his seat as a justice, and the June 2015 landmark decision of the Supreme Court—the Obergefell decision on same sex marriage. RWCC also conducted its annual diaper drive for Coffee County Family Services. Pictured above, left to right: RWCC President Johnna Roberts, Kristen Anton, Justice Murdock, RWCC 1st VP Robin Foy, and Rodrick Caldwell. Anton and Caldwell represented Coffee County Family Services. The Republican Women of Coffee County meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Enterprise Country Club at 11 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jan at 334-494-3762.

Local American Legion Post 42 in Elba raising funds for Boys State program

The American Legion Post 42 welcomed the new Alabama American Legion Division Commander Buddy Keen and the new District 35 Commander Harold Skeltor at their July meeting.

Elba Post 42 is currently raising money for its Boys State Program. Boys State teaches young men about leadership and how the government works.

Post 42 Commander Jenny Reed invites veterans to make an appointment with her so she can help them get the necessary paperwork together so they can go to the New Brockton Veterans Service Officer to file their claim. Her goal is to help them have every-

thing they need so when they sit down with the service officer she or he has enough supporting documents to file the claim.

To make an appointment with Commander Reed, call 706-761-1698.

Post 42 meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr., Elba.

Stay connected in downtown Elba

Residents, visitors and students alike can now stay online while enjoying the outdoors in Elba's Main Street Community Space. The initial Wi-Fi deployment is on the Clements Corner of Court Square, a premier gathering place and venue for resting, visiting, studying, and events.

Alabama Symphony Orchestra announces September events

Be sure to see the stunning events coming in September to the Alabama Symphony Orchestra [ASO]!

Concertmaster & Friends: A Night in Budapest

Explore the beauty and mystery of Budapest! Surprise Hungarian guests join concertmaster Daniel Szasz and world-class cimbalom player Jenő Lisztes to explore the rich music of Hungary. The concert is on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Samford University's Brock Recital Hall.

ASO unwined: Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony

Mendelssohn called the Italian Symphony "the jolliest piece I have ever done."

Field Crops Day set for Aug. 24th at Wiregrass Research and Extension

The Wiregrass Research & Extension Center's annual Field Crops Day will be held Friday, Aug. 24, at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center in Headland, Ala.

Registration begins at 8

a.m. and tours are from 8:30 until noon. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Topics to be discussed include cover crops, cotton varieties, peanut varieties and herbicide drift, plus peanut and corn row spacing.

American Legion Post 42 in Elba, Ala plans cookout for Saturday, Aug. 25th

The American Legion Post 42, located at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr., Elba, is planning a cookout for Saturday, Aug. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is FREE for Veterans, Active Duty, National

Guard and the Reserves.

For more information, contact Jenny Reed at (706) 761-1698 or email: Jennyreed365@gmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FOLKS



U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Billie L. Copeland graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Copeland is the daughter of Kristy L. Williams and step-daughter of Kelyn B. Williams of Jack, Ala. She is a 2016 graduate of Zion Chapel High School.



ELBA ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER...Artist Peter Van Dyck was invited by Justin Maddox to speak at the Elba Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, July 31. Van Dyck is an Assistant Professor in the Certificate/BFA program at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. A native of Philadelphia, he studied painting and drawing at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy from 1998-2002, before returning home to begin teaching. He is married to Elba native Carolyn Pyfrom, who is also an artist. They spend their summer months in Elba, where Peter can be seen painting at various locations around the area.

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In the long history of con artists, George C. Parker holds a special place of dishonor. He is remembered as one of the most successful and daring swindlers in American history.

He set up an office in New York City and "sold" some of the city's most famous attractions to tourists. His favorite was the Brooklyn Bridge, but he also sold the Statue of Liberty, Madison Square Garden, and Grant's Tomb. He produced elaborately forged documents and deeds to convince his targets that he was the rightful owner of the landmarks he was selling.

Parker was so persuasive that on more than one occasion, police had to come and explain why the new "owners" of the Brooklyn Bridge couldn't put up tollbooths to collect money from those who tried to cross. After his third conviction for fraud, Parker was sentenced to life at Sing Sing Prison in New York, where he spent the last eight years of his life.

Parker dishonestly made a fortune preying on people who foolishly believed his empty words. He not only was an expert salesman, but he realized that many people were gullible and he could use that to his advantage.

God expects us to be careful and prudent with the resources that He entrusts to us. Of course, this applies to far more than financial matters. Prudence and wisdom also keep us from falling for the lies of temptation and protect us from great suffering and heartbreak.

We should not be easily fooled, but rather we should investigate what we are told and be certain that it is true before making decisions. Paul wrote, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15).

Develop godly discernment through reading and meditating on God's truths and remaining responsive to the Holy Spirit. Walking with prudence will save you from a world of sorrow.

Mulberry District Association announces program planned for Saturday, Aug. 25th

The Mulberry District Association Founders' Day Program is set for Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Mulberry District Association Building, located on Hwy. 84 West in Elba. The program begins at 4

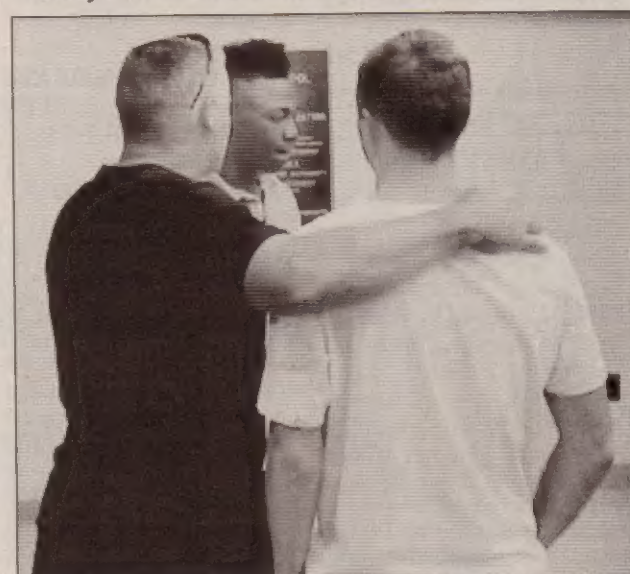
p.m., and special guest speaker will be Rev. Raymond Franklin, pastor of the Rock Elvy Missionary Baptist Church and moderator of the Helicon District Association.

Homecoming set for Aug. 26 at New Haven Baptist Church

New Haven Baptist Church of Elba will celebrate its Homecoming service on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to

come worship and fellowship as church members celebrate the 111th year of serving the Lord. Lunch will follow the worship service.



Elba teacher and coach Glen Johnson is shown here praying with students at Elba City Schools during last year's Coffee County Prayer Walk. Any one, regardless of denomination, wanting to pray for the safety of local schools, students and staff, are strongly encouraged to go to their school of choice this Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. and join others in praying for that.

Coffee County's Prayer Walk for Schools set for Sunday, Aug. 26

The Annual School Prayer Walk (sponsored by Coffee Baptist Women but including all area churches) will be held on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Make plans to go to any school in the Enterprise City School System, Coffee

County School System, and Elba City School System and pray for the children, teachers, support workers, and administration. A leader is assigned to each school.

Anyone with questions should call the Coffee Baptist Association office at (334) 894-6411.

Area revival to be at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Tuesdays, Aug. 28-Oct. 2

Mt. Olive Baptist Church announces annual area revival set for each Tuesday nights from Aug. 28th - Oct. 2nd. The services will be at 7 p.m. each Tuesday night at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The schedule and lead church for each evening is as follows:

Aug. 28th - Weed Baptist Church, Rev. C.P. Davis

Sept. 4th - Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Olan Strickland

Sept. 11th - Newbia Baptist Church, Rev. Will

Jordan

Sept. 18th - Friendship Holiness Church, Rev. Edward Drake

Sept. 25th - New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Randall Pearson

Oct. 2nd - Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church, Rev. Lloyd D. Snellgrove

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 7980 Hwy. 141 in the Pine Level Community of Coffee County. Everyone is invited to attend these Tuesday night revival services.

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Scripture: A song to the Lord who preserves and prospers His people [Psalm 144: 1-15]

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July / August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Vivian M. Cole 7/28

Martha Snell 7/28

Willie C. Tillis 7/29

Travis Nunn 7/30 (in memory)

Grace Daniels 7/30

Katie Brooks 7/30 (in memory)

Jimmy and Yvonne Jones 7/31 (WA)

Katonya Kyles 8/1

Nobie Rayborn 8/1

Rev. W.O. and Shakeitha Edwards 8/1 (WA)

Keirra Hammonds 8/1

Betty J. Whitehurst 8/1

** Homecoming and Revival Services of the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Gantt, Ala. will be Aug. 26-29th.

Homecoming will be Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Anthony Baxter, pastor of Harrison Street Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Ala. Revival will begin Monday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. [each night] with Evangelist Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba, Ala. and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Brundidge, Ala.

8/23-18

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Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
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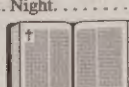
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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/s/ Sherry Smith Duncan
Personal Representative
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The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him by the Coffee County Commission. Bids will be received only from contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
Dean Smith, Chairman
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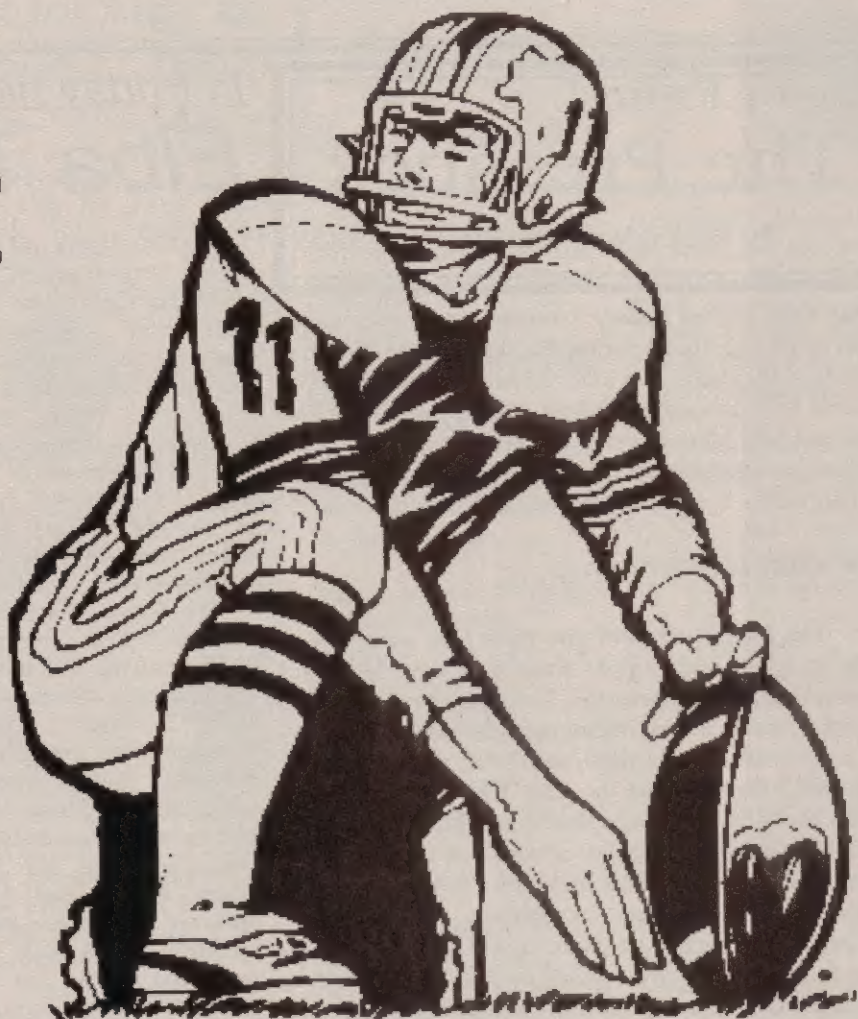
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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little second grader Lawson comes over to the house most afternoons during the week while his Mom coaches volleyball, and one afternoon last week he declared he didn't want to watch TV. He did pull out his tablet and help Mario bounce all over a couple of worlds, but then sat down and did his homework and learned his spelling words. Sounds like a winning schedule to me.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers will give their fans a preview of things to come Friday night when they host 3A power Wicksburg in a preseason game. The Tigers have been hard at work learning a new offense and defense installed by new head coach Pate Harrison, and during a phone conversation over the weekend the new Tiger head man was excited about the start of the season and the opportunity to watch his team line up against a team with the power and tradition of Wicksburg. Elba does have a few spots without a great deal of experience, but appears to be loaded with skill people and there is no doubt he will do his best to let those folks get as many touches as possible. Wicksburg plays a physical brand of football on both sides of the ball and is massive up front on defense, which would make some think a low scoring game will be on tap. I'm not really sure just what to expect, but I do expect the Tigers to play hard and make the Tiger fans excited about the upcoming season.*

*** *The lights will be on all across the area Friday night as Brantley and Zion Chapel both hit the field in preseason action, while New Brockton actually kicks off its season. The Gamecocks will travel to Dothan to tangle with Providence Christian in a game that has added interest as area fans will be looking to see what kind of impact the transfer of a number of Enterprise players will have. The Bulldogs from Brantley will travel to Highland Home for a clash with the Flying Squadron, and this one may be a little closer than many think, while Zion Chapel will host Houston Academy in a preseason clash that will mark the debut of former T.R. Miller Hall of Fame coach Jamie Riggs. All this week's games should be interesting for both the players and fans!*

*** *The high school volleyball season will also tip off this week and it looks like an interesting season ahead for all the area teams. Elba has won a total of only 10 matches over the past five seasons and has the rugged task of going up against five-time defending area champ Brantley and perennial power Kinston in its area, while 2A powers New Brockton and Zion Chapel will join Samson in a three-team area that will be filled with excitement and energy. The annual Amelia Rhoades tournament will be held this weekend in Kinston with Brantley, Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton all taking part, and the tourney should start off the season with a bang.*

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and actually seemed a little excited about the start of the season. The local guesspert stated that it would be a unique season here in Elba since the Tigers had nine new opponents on their schedule, while other stories to watch included the Enterprise players transferring to New Brockton and the new coach at Kinston that wasn't hired until mid-summer. He moaned about having to make his early-season predictions, but did leave a few....*

NEW BROCKTON VS. PROVIDENCE CHIRSTAIN

The roosters from over near the bypass grew in numbers over the summer and there has been a lot of crowing heard from the practice field as the season draws near. The roosters seem to always play with a chip on their shoulders, and this may be the season they cash in their chips for a winning season.

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In Friday night clash

Elba Tigers to host Wicksburg

The Elba Tigers will kick off the "Pate Harrison" era on Friday night when they host the Wicksburg Panthers in a preseason match-up, at Mack Wood Field.

Harrison, a former stand-out at New Brockton and Troy University, will debut as the new Tiger head coach after six successful seasons at Dale County.

"We know Wicksburg will be big and physical and provide us with a definite challenge all across the field," said Coach Harrison, "but the players are ready to play after a long summer of hard work and we as coaches are looking to finding out just where we are and what areas we need to give extra attention. Wicksburg has been one of the top 3A teams in the area for a number of years and is excited about what they expect to be another big season. They are very big and physical up front, have some backs that run hard and will knock your head off on defense. This isn't your typical preseason game, and because of that we have been forced to watch film and put in a plan for the game. We will look a lot like the team our fans saw in the spring, but may run a little more spread formation and will be more aggressive on defense. Every time we put on the jersey that has Elba across the front we play to win,

and that will be the case Friday night."

"We have had a good summer of work and have been able to really get down to work since school started and the pads came on," added Harrison. "We have done a lot of work in the weight room and done a lot of running at practice to be in the best condition possible. The rainy weather has forced us to go inside more than I would like, but when we get outside we get after it and it is time to play football. We aren't where I had hoped we would be on either side of the ball with the first game only days away. So, we have had to slow down a little and try to concentrate on doing what we do best and improve on those things first. We will add stuff on both sides as the season goes along, but for right now we have to do what we do best and try to take advantage of those things we can do."

"The offense has looked good in preseason drills and I expect it be able to hold its own as we add to the play list and do more things," stated Harrison. "We have a couple of pretty good backs and have a senior quarterback that is a duel threat, but are young in the line and will have to get a lot of on the job training up front. We feel like we can be successful throwing the ball and have some backs and receivers that need to touch the ball

in the games if we are to be successful. We will be under center some in the I formation, will get in the pistol some to challenge the defense on the corners and will also get in the spread. We have some really good athletes on offense that have to get the ball in their hands, and we will do our best to see that they get their touches."

"Over on defense we have worked really hard in the secondary and feel like the players have a grasp on what we want to do," added Harrison. "We feel good about our front seven and think we have some outstanding athletes on the corners and at linebacker. The secondary has gotten better and better as we have worked at practice and we expect it to be strength. I would say early in the season that the defense might be a little ahead of the

offense."

"We have a lot of games ahead and like all teams in our class a key to success will be to stay away from injuries," said Harrison. "A lot of injuries in football occur when a player gets tired and no longer is able to go full strength and full speed. We hope our players are in good enough condition to go hard for all four quarters, and we expect them to do just that. I am excited to be in Elba and to be a part of the rich tradition that is Elba Tiger football, and am excited about the upcoming season. I hope all Elba Tiger fans will come out this week to watch the game and follow us throughout the season, both at home and on the road. I promise you our players will give it their best and we as coaches will have the team prepared and ready to play."

Brantley ranked ahead of Elba in preseason prep football poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its annual pre-season high school football standings with a number of area teams making the 'Top 10,' including the Elba Tigers, which came in at nine in Class 1A.

Four reigning state champions were ranked atop their classifications, with one in a different classification. Lanett won the Class 2A state title in 2017, but will start the season in Class 1A and moved atop the 1A poll, while defending state champ Sweet Water came in second. Other state champs ranked #1 in the poll included Hoover in 7A, Pinson Valley in 6A and UMS-Wright in 4A.

Following are area teams that were ranked in the pre-season poll:

Class 6A – Eufaula, 9th
Class 5A – Carroll, 4th
Class 4A – Hillcrest Evergreen, 2nd; Andalusia, 4th; Dale County, 10th
Class 3A – Pike County, 8th; Wicksburg, 9th
Class 2A – Luverne, 3rd; Arton, 4th; Goshen, 8th
Class 1A – Brantley, 7th; Elba 9th

Dates announced for shark fishing at Gulf State Pier

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announces that the following dates have been selected for managed shark fishing at the Gulf State Park Saltwater Fishing Pier: August 19, 21, 26 and 28.

The shark fishing will take place on the south end of the pier – called the octagon – from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next morning on the selected Sundays and Tuesdays.

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The August managed shark-fishing events will allow for 15 anglers per occasion, with no more than one rod and reel per angler in use. Each angler may have one additional assistant, and anglers are encouraged to assist one another while fishing.

This allows for a maximum of 30 individuals on the octagon area during

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Registration for the shark-fishing events is ongoing and anglers will continue to be selected in the order in which applications are received. To register for participation, visit www.alapark.com/shark-fishing. Applicants will need to provide contact information for notification of selection and will be notified a week or more in advance of the date for which they have been selected.

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New Brockton Gamecocks hoping fast start will lead to banner season in '18

The New Brockton Gamecocks stumbled last season and posted a rare losing record, but are convinced better days are ahead and with a shot in the arm with a couple of transfers from Enterprise have high hopes entering the 2018 season.

New Brockton will open the season on Aug. 24 when they travel to Dothan to tangle with the 3A Providence Christian Eagles. The Gamecocks are 2-4 all-time in the series, but have won the last two meetings, including a 20-13 win in the last game back in 2015. The Eagles have posted an 11-10 record the last two seasons, including a 6-5 slate a year ago.

New Brockton will be at home on Aug. 31 when they host the Brantley Bulldogs in a 1A-2A clash of gridiron powers. It will be the first meeting in 31 years between the two teams, with the Gamecocks posting a 28-0 win back in 1987. Brantley has posted 16 straight winning seasons and during that stretch has claimed two state championships.

New Brockton will kick

off its region schedule on Oct. 7 when the Gamecocks travel to challenge the Luverne Tigers. The Gamecocks own a 3-9 series record against the Tigers, but have won two of the last three meetings. The Tigers, which defeated New Brockton 34-12 last season, have won 17 games over the past two years, and posted a 10-3 record last season.

New Brockton will stay within the region on Oct. 14 when the Central Lions come to town. The Gamecocks have dominated the short series, own a 6-0 record against their region foes, and have averaged over 51 points per game in the series. The Lions have won a total of seven games over the past ten seasons.

New Brockton will stay at home for an Oct. 21 region showdown against the Goshen Eagles. The Gamecocks own a 15-11 series edge over the Eagles and have won two of the last three meetings, but lost 38-14 last season. The Eagles have posted a 20-6 record over the past three seasons and have advanced to the playoffs ten straight

years.

New Brockton will step out of the region on Sept. 28 when they host the Cottonwood Bears. The Gamecocks are on the short end of an 8-14 series record, but have won the last three meetings, including a 42-14 win a year ago. The Bears have struggled to three straight losing seasons and over the last three years own a combined record of 8-22.

New Brockton will close out its four-game home-stand on Oct. 5 when it returns to the region wars with a clash against the Calhoun Tigers. The Gamecocks own a 7-1 series edge over the Tigers, have six straight games in the series, posted a 48-0 win a year ago, and during the winning streak have averaged over 56 points per game. The Tigers are in the midst of a 31 game losing streak and last season were outscored by their opponents by a combined score of 521-12.

New Brockton will stay in region play on Oct. 12 when they travel to Samson to battle the Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks own a 17-5

series edge over the Tigers and have won the last four meetings, including a 23-16 win back in 2011. The Tigers have advanced to the playoffs five of the past six years.

New Brockton will hit the road on Oct. 19 when they travel to Crenshaw County for a key region clash against the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Gamecocks own a 6-2 series edge over the Squadron and have won three of the last four contests, including a 55-0 win back in 2015. The Squadron posted a 7-4 record a year ago after three straight losing seasons and averaged over 40 points per game.

New Brockton will close out the regular season with a region battle against the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Gamecocks own a 33-10 series edge over their cross-county rivals, have won five in a row, including a 47-0 win a year ago, and during the winning streak have outscored the Rebels 258-11. The Rebels have struggled to six straight losing seasons and last season surrender over 40 points per game.

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

2018 Football Schedule

Aug. 24	Providence Christian	Away
Aug. 31	Brantley	Home
Sept. 7	Luverne *	Away
Sept. 14	Central *	Home
Sept. 21	Goshen *	Home
Sept. 28	Cottonwood	Home
Oct. 5	Calhoun *	Home
Oct. 12	Samson *	Away
Oct. 19	Highland Home *	Away
Oct. 26	Zion Chapel *	Home

* Denotes Region Game

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

2018 Football Schedule

Aug. 24	Highland Home **	Away
Aug. 31	New Brockton	Away
Sept. 7	Kinston	Home
Sept. 14	Floral	Away
Sept. 21	Georgiana	Away
Sept. 28	Luverne	Home
Oct. 5	Elba	Away
Oct. 12	Red Level	Home
Oct. 19	McKenzie	Home
Oct. 26	Pleasant Home	Away
Nov. 2	Goshen	Home

* Denotes Region Games

** Denotes Preseason Game

Brantley hoping successful start will prepare Bulldogs for 'murders row' in middle of season

The Brantley Bulldogs have piled up the wins in recent years on the football field and while Bulldog fans will expect more of the same this season, the 'Dogs may face one of their toughest schedules ever as they tangle with four 2A opponents and face a 'murderers row' in the middle of the season.

Brantley will open the season on Aug. 24 when they travel up the road for a preseason battle against the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Bulldogs hold a 53-22 edge in the long series, have won the last six games, including 10 of the last 11 in regular season play, and last season posted a 49-14 win. Highland Home won seven games a year ago after only six total wins the previous two years.

Brantley will kickoff the regular season on Aug. 31 when they travel to Coffee County to meet the 2A New Brockton Gamecocks. It will be the first meeting between the two teams in 30 years, and the Bulldogs are 0-2 all-time against the Gamecocks, including a 28-0 loss in their last meeting back in 1987. The Gamecocks stumbled to a 5-6 record last season, and snapped a three-year span of winning records.

Brantley will swing into region play on Sept. 7 when they host the Kinston Bulldogs. The Bulldogs own a 28-4 series edge against the Bulldogs, have won 20 straight games in

the series and have won the last six meetings by a combined score of 235-14. Kinston posted a 5-5 record last season, which was its fifth season with five of more wins in the past six years.

Brantley will continue in region action on Sept. 14 when they travel to Floral for a clash against the Floral Wildcats. The Bulldogs hold a 21-3-1 edge in the series, including 20 straight wins, and in the last three games have scored an average of over sixty points per game. Floral has struggled to a 5-21 record the last three seasons, but did show signs of life last season when it averaged over 34 points per game.

Brantley will enter 'Murders Row' the following week as on Sept. 21 the Bulldogs head to Georgiana. The Bulldogs are on the short end of an 11-22-2 series record against the Panthers and have lost the last three meetings after winning the previous nine games. The Panthers claimed a 26-15 win last season over the Bulldogs and over the last three years have posted a 34-4 record and averaged over 50 points per game.

Brantley will be back at home on Sept. 28 when they host the Luverne Tigers, in the renewal of an 85-year-old rivalry. The Bulldogs have lost three straight games to the Tigers, including a 28-25 setback a year ago, and over the past five seasons

have lost dropped four decisions. Luverne won 10 games last season after winning only five games three years earlier.

Brantley will close out the rugged three-game stretch on Oct. 5 when they travel to Elba to tangle with the Elba Tigers, in a key region encounter. The Bulldogs have won five of the last seven meetings with the Tigers, while the Tigers own a 31-12 all-time edge on the gridiron and claimed a 26-19 win in the last meeting back in 2013. Elba moved down to the 1A ranks this season, but as a 2A power won a total of 46 games over the last four seasons and in 2015 claimed a state championship.

Brantley will return home on Oct. 12 when they host the Red Level Tigers in another big region match-up. The Bulldogs own a 40-14 series edge over the Tigers, have won the last 14 contests and over the last two years has outscored the Tigers by a combined score of 96-12. Red Level was winless last season and allowed over 45 points per game.

Brantley will remain home on Oct. 19 when they host the McKenzie Tigers in yet another region battle. The Bulldogs hold a 34-17-2 series edge against their longtime region foes, have won seven straight games over the Tigers and has scored a whopping 118 points in the last two meetings. The Tigers posted a rare losing record a year

ago after posting winning records in eight of the previous nine seasons.

Brantley will head back out on the road on Oct. 26 when they travel to Covington County to meet the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs have won the last 16 meetings over the Eagles, own a 17-1 overall series edge, and over the last seven meetings have averaged over 53 points per game. The Eagles have posted an 11-10 record the last two seasons after struggling to a 1-19 record the previous two seasons.

Brantley will close out the regular season on Nov. 2 when they host the Goshen Eagles. The Bulldogs own a 32-15 series edge against the Eagles, but have lost the last two meetings after winning the previous six. The Eagles, which posted a 28-7 win a year ago, are coming off a banner season in which they set a school record with 12 wins and a trip to the 2A semifinal contest.

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State announces youth hunting schedules

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division announces the youth deer and duck hunt schedules for the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County. The hunts will take place late November 2018 through January 2019. Registration will open August 13 through October 14, 2018. Hunters will be selected via a computerized, random drawing after registration closes.

Registration for the FWFTA youth hunts is only available to parents or adults who are at least 21 years old and have a Conservation ID number. A

hunting license is not required at the time of registration. However, if selected during the random draw, you must have a valid hunting license to accept the hunt permit. If selected for a hunt, you will receive an email requesting you validate/accept the permit. Once the permit is accepted, you will receive an email with the hunt details.

Youth deer hunt dates:

- November 21, 28
- December 1, 26, 29
- January 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30

Youth duck hunt dates:

- December 1, 26, 29
- January 9, 12, 16, 19, 23

If you have questions about the hunt details or registration process, call

Evan Lawrence with the ADCNR State Lands Division at 334-242-3484, or email Evan.Lawrence@dcnr.alabama.gov.

To participate in the youth hunts, youth hunters must be age 15 or younger and accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old (or a parent). Adults must have a valid state hunting license and applicable duck stamp, if duck hunting. Hunters must obtain their license and duck stamp (if duck hunting) before the hunt since they will not be available on-site. Licenses are available for purchase at various retailers throughout the state or online at www.outdooralabama.com.

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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT...Ms. Angie Cooper-Newby teaches Pre-K at the Elba Early Learning Center, located at Elba Elementary School. Cooper-Newby is described by peers as a teacher that loves unconditionally, gives of herself completely, and always strives to bring out the best in each and every child she teaches. These attributes are only a few of the reasons Cooper-Newby is considered one of the best teachers a child could ever be taught by, and Elba City Schools is proud to call her a Tiger!



Elba Elementary nurse Lore Smith provided a 'hands on' demonstration to get the 'germs off' for handwashing to the Pre-K students earlier this week (as shown here).

Elba High juniors honored with class ring ceremony



The Elba High School junior class members were treated to a special class ring ceremony last Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Elba High School auditorium. As is tradition at Elba, after each class member was presented his/her class ring, they all opened them together to get their 'first view' of the rings. The class members also enjoyed refreshments together following the ceremony. Left: Elba juniors put their hands together to "show off" their class rings.



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The Elba Tigers officially open their 2018 season on Friday, Aug. 31, when the team travels to Opp to take on the Opp Bobcats. Throughout the season, the Elba Tigers are seeking churches to help feed the team on Thursday evenings. The desire this season is for the churches to host the team at their place of worship and provide a message to the team along with the meal. Westside Baptist Church will be hosting the Tigers on Thursday, Aug. 30th. To sign-up to host the team contact cheerleading coach Anna Marie Moore at amoore@elbaed.com or call football coach Pate Harrison at (334)447-6163.

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